

November 3, 2003

**Subject:**     **DEVELOPMENT OF AN EFFICIENT LOOP MIGRATION  
PROCESS**  
                  **Docket No. M-00031754**  
                  **Periodic Progress Report**

**To:**            Chairman Terrance J. Fitzpatrick  
                  Vice Chairman Robert K. Bloom  
                  Commissioner Glen R. Thomas  
                  Commissioner Kim Pizzingrilli  
                  Commissioner Wendell F. Holland  
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### **Background**

In accordance with ordering paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Commission's Procedural Order of the *Triennial Review Order*, the Bureau of Fixed Utility Services (FUS) is directed to provide periodic reports on the topic of an electronic loop migration process:

9.     *Verizon is directed to answer the questions attached to this order at Appendix B by October 31, 2003. Other interested parties to the technical conference are directed to contact the FUS Telecommunications Manager, Janet Tuzinski, by October 31, 2003, and to file their Answers to Appendix B questions by October 31, 2003.*
  
10.    *The Bureau of Fixed Utility Services (FUS) is directed to convene technical conferences for the purpose of considering an electronic loop provisioning trial and the development of a batch cut process for Verizon. FUS shall provide the Commission with periodic progress reports on November 3, 2003, January 7, 2004, February 13, 2004, and April 15, 2004. FUS shall provide a final recommendation reflecting a consensus to the Commission by May 13, 2004.*

*Staff is directed to inform the Commission immediately if a consensus is not foreseeable.*

### **Activities**

In preparation of the October 31, 2003 deadline for parties to notify FUS of their intent to participate in the proceeding, FUS created a TRO Batch Cut Review Team ("the Team") with representatives from FUS, FUS Finance/Tariffs, and the Law Bureau. Team members are listed at the end of this document. In addition to analysis of the batch cut process, the team will explore electronic loop provisioning as discussed in Verizon's Structural Separation proceeding.<sup>1</sup>

On October 22, 2003, Broadview presented its views to the Team on the current process utilized with Verizon in New York. Verizon presented its views the following day. Both companies offered to provide on-site demonstrations. The Team assembled at Verizon's 210 Pine Street office on October 31, 2003 where an extensive walk-through was provided of the central office along with a live batch cut of five service orders from various CLECs. Additional on-site demonstrations of related batch cut functions are being considered at other Verizon and Broadview locations.

As of November 3, 2002, FUS believes twelve parties will participate in the loop migration proceeding:

1. AT&T Communications of Pennsylvania, LLC
2. ATX Licensing, Inc.
3. Broadview<sup>2</sup>
4. Cavalier Telephone Mid-Atlantic
5. Full Service Network
6. Remi Communications
7. MCI
8. Office of Consumer Advocate
9. Office of Trail Staff
10. Office of Small Business Advocate
11. Penn Telecom, Inc.
12. Verizon

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<sup>1</sup> See *Re: Structural Separation of Bell Atlantic-Pennsylvania ... Docket No. M-00001353, Order entered April 11, 2001.*

<sup>2</sup> Broadview's participation is assumed at this point although their responses to Appendix B were not received in the FUS Telco department as of November 3, 2003.

FUS staff is in the presently compiling and distributing the filings electronically to the Team. In some cases, such as AT&T, MCI and Verizon, the materials accompanying the filings are voluminous.

### **Planned Action**

- Build service list noting those already in compliance with the protective order
- Obtain compliance of protective order from remaining parties
- Assemble filings and begin analysis of materials
- Determine which documents, if any, can be posted on the Commission's website
- Determine feasibility/benefits of additional on-site demonstrations
- Explore electronic loop provisioning in relation to the batch cut process

### **Electronic Loop Provisioning**

In the presentations made by Broadview and Verizon, the issue of electronic loop provisioning was briefly mentioned. The Team believes this area needs to be expanded upon in order to fully appreciate where it may fit in with the batch cut process. The Team has not yet determined whether there is any interest in ELP by other participants. The materials submitted by those participants are now under review. An interim report will be distributed to the offices at the end of this month on this particular issue.

### **Conclusion**

The Team is on target at this point.

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